

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2012

From The Desk of Fr. Michael Tang

The theme of this weekend's liturgies is love. The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God's love and salvation is offered to all.

The Gospel reminds us of the commandment Christ left his disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you." This is the love that binds Jesus to the Father and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. The love Jesus has is modeled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father's commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now Jesus is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.

In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God's essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God's life.

This weekend you will notice some big changes in the way the interior of the church looks. Next week we will finish the painting and carpeting will be laid. In the next few weeks, the chairs that the Gospel Choir uses will be recovered. It was suggested that we wait to decide the color of the chairs until the painting is finished.

As I wrote last week, this renovation was made possible by a 30K gift to our parish from a dear friend of mine. Please pray in thanksgiving for her generosity and for her good health.

Next weekend our children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Please come out to support our young people! Also, Carnival weekend is fast approaching, please plan to volunteer and don't forget to purchase your tickets. God's blessings on your week!



*Mothers
Plant the
Seeds
of Love...*

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for bringing my children into my life. Help me guide them and teach through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong, loving faith. Please let them learn to serve you always in thought and deed. And remind me, Lord, to always be there for my family as you are always there for me.

Amen.



*In the month of May, there will be a special **Novena of Masses** for the intentions of mothers. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.*

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Lee Harrison, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Ned Kennedy, Chester Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Jerome Simon, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Patricia Williams.

Happy Mother's Day

TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH/SCHOOL CARNIVAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND

MAY 25, 26, & 27, 2012

Pre-Sale tickets are available in the patio after all masses or from the rectory and school offices.

Please pick up flyers at the exits of the church to give to your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, etc.

FINGERPRINTING

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" are required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. The next Fingerprint session is May 16th at St. Lawrence of Brindisi, 10122 Compton Ave., Los Angeles. For an appointment, call 323.567.1439.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 12

5:15 p.m. Int. of Cynthia Richardson

Sunday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Int. of Msgr. Robert E. Howard

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Monday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

Tuesday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

Wednesday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

Thursday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

Friday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Mothers

Saturday, May 19

5:15 p.m. +Clay Lockett

Sunday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Paul and Margaret Brunton

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Mothers

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 10:25-48, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 15:9-17

Monday Acts 1:15-26, Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15-22, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20

Friday Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23a

Saturday Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Mk 16:15-20

SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU!!!! WE HAD A WONDERFUL ALUMNI/FIRST SUNDAY MASS. We would like to thank all who attended and made the event a special one. Save the date for our school's 75th Anniversary in September 2012.

Transfiguration School is getting ready for the 2012-13 School Year and any retired teacher that would be interested in Substitute Teaching, please call the school office 323.292.3011.

The school would like to wish all our Church and School Mothers a **Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!!!!**

First Communion – Sunday May 20th at 12:15 PM. Come celebrate with us as we welcome some of our students into the church community.

School Spring Musical – Thursday, May 31st at 6:30 PM in the hall.

TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL is now hosting PLANET AID YELLOW BINS at the school. Planet Aid is a recognized 501c (3) tax exempt charity founded in 1997 and currently manages over 10,000 recycling boxes through the United States. So sort through your clothes, pick out the things you no longer want, and bring them down to the school to our Planet Aid Donation Box. This is also a fundraiser for Transfiguration School.

"TOGETHER IN MISSION"

UPDATE

Thanks to all who have contributed to the "Together in Mission" campaign, which helps less fortunate parishes. We are aware of the financial times we are all a part of, but we are hoping we will meet our assessment goal this year. Last year Transfiguration was the recipient of \$45,000, to help with our insurance bill. This year we have received \$20,000 to help with school tuition. Please be as generous as you possibly can. We have 1100 registered families of that number 162 have made pledges. If you need a pledge envelope call the office, 323.291.1136 and ask for Mr. DeJan or Mable Simon, or you may stop by the office for an envelope. Again thanks for all you do for Transfiguration Church and School.

Parish Assessment	\$30,440.40
Amount Pledged	\$21,146.10
Amount Paid	\$9,605.10
Balance Due	\$20,835.10

4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS BANQUET hosted by the *Knights of Peter Claver Council #220* on Saturday, July 21, 2012. The tournament takes place at Chester Washington Golf Course, followed by an Awards Banquet at Transfiguration hall. For information call Frank Rhodes at 213.248.3600 or Maurice Simon 213.219.8010. **Deadline by July 5, 2012.**

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, May 1, 2011
\$5393.78 Sacrificial Gift
463.55 Building Fund
264.88 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, May 6, 2012
\$2,565.39 Sacrificial Gift
234.72 Building Fund
134.12 "We Care"